

ABSTRACT

CROSSLINKING RETARDERS FOR CROSSLINKABLE POLYOLEFINS

A process for reducing the rate of premature crosslinking under ambient conditions of an olefin copolymer or graft copolymer having hydrolysable silane groups is disclosed, comprising incorporating therewith a crosslinking retarder capable of reacting with said hydrolysable silane groups to form un-hydrolysable groups, in an amount sufficient to react with at least 5 mol% of the hydrolysable silane groups.